

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

YVES MALECOT ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 09/744,946

Filed: February 8, 2001

Group Art Unit 1723

M. Ocampo, Examiner

FILTERING ELEMENT MADE OF ABSORBENT PAPER MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF A TUBULAR CYLINDER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection / a response in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 An additional fee is required as calculated below -

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate	Other Than A Small Entity Add'l Rate	Other Than A Small Entity Add'l Fee
Total	Minus *		x \$ 9	x \$18	\$
Indep	Minus *		x \$42	x \$84	\$
First Presentation of Mul Dep Claim....		x\$140		x\$280	\$
	Total Additional Fee.....		\$	\$

* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.

This response is being filed within the period for response.

Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

First-Month Extension..... \$ 55.00 / \$ 110.00
 Second-Month Extension..... \$ 205.00 / \$ 410.00
 Third-Month Extension..... \$ 465.00 / \$ 930.00

Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$ 930.00 is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed November 22, 2002, please amend the captioned application as set forth below.